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Imagine Spring in the Blue Ridge! Carolina Bird Club Spring Meeting - Asheville, NC

We hope you will join us in Asheville for the Spring CBC Meeting on May 3-4 when we gather again to make new friends, reunite with old ones, and enjoy a variety of field trips through the area's diverse mountain and valley habitats.

Our keynote speakers Saturday evening will be Marilyn Westphal and Mark Simpson. Their presentation, "Breeding Birds of the Southern Blue Ridge - The Only Constant is Change," will cover the underlying factors contributing to changing breeding bird populations over time in the Southern Appalachians, with an emphasis on range changes of thrushes and warblers such as Hermit and Swainson's Thrush, and Magnolia, Swainson's, and Yellow-rumped Warblers.

The buffet Saturday evening will include a cash bar as well as a vegetarian entrée. Participants should indicate if they have a dietary preference when registering. Saturday night's dinner buffet is being provided by the hotel at a cost of \$25/person.

There will be a social gathering prior to our Friday evening program. Friday evening's speaker is Paul Super, Research Coordinator, Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center, Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Paul's presentation entitled "Protecting the Birds of the Smokies: Avian Research and Management in Great Smoky Mountains National Park" will provide a brief overview of research and protec-

tion activities related to birds of the Smokies. Over 245 bird species have been recorded within the park including year-round residents like the Carolina race of the Dark-eyed Junco, Neotropical migrant breeders like the Black-throated Green Warbler, and endangered species like the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. The park hosts an extensive resource management team and works with over 150 research partners to understand and protect its wildlife and natural systems. Mr. Super has worked in the Smokies since the fall of 1998, and previously at Acadia NP, Big Bend NP, Yellowstone NP, Point Reyes National Seashore, Grand Canyon NP, and Cape Cod National Seashore. He has an MS in Conservation Ecology from the University of California, where he studied the ecology of avian malarial parasites.

Early registration for the meeting closes on April 29th. After that, you can only register at the meeting for \$35. There are no refunds for registration or meals after April 22nd. Breakfast, which is not included in the meeting or lodging fees, may be purchased at the hotel.

We will be staying at the Asheville Crowne Plaza Tennis & Golf Resort. The resort offers lots of complimentary amenities and access to major Asheville attractions such as the Blue Ridge Parkway, Biltmore House, NC Arboretum, the Pisgah National Forest,

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CBC Spring Meeting Schedule

Friday, May 3

Morning - Half-Day Trips (all times a.m.)

- Trip 1: Chimney Rock Park/Lake Lure – 6:30
- Trip 2: Craggy Gardens/Blue Ridge Parkway
North – 6:45
- Trip 3: Mt. Pisgah/Davidson River -7:00
- Trip 4: Fletcher Park/Lake Julian – 7:00
- Trip 5: Sandy Mush Gamelands – 7:00
- Trip 6: Jackson Park – 7:00

Afternoon - Half-Day Trips (all times p.m.)

- Trip 7: Craggy Gardens/Blue Ridge Parkway
North – 1:00
- Trip 8: Jackson Park – 1:00
- Trip 9: Mt. Pisgah/Davidson River – 1:00
- Trip 10: Owen Park/Warren Wilson – 1:15
- Trip 11: Beaver Lake Bird Sanctuary – 1:15
- Trip 12: Sandy Mush Gamelands – 1:15

All Day Trips (all times a.m.)

- Trip 13: BRP South-Mt Pisgah/Devil's Courthouse/
Cathey's Creek – 6:30
- Trip 14: Max Patch/Lake Junaluska – 6:30
- Trip 15: BRP/Mt. Mitchell/Curtis Creek – 6:45
- Trip 16: Whitesides Mountain – Peregrine Monitoring
-6:45

Saturday, May 4

Morning - Half-Day Trips (all times a.m.)

- Trip 17: Chimney Rock Park/Lake Lure – 6:45
- Trip 18: Craggy Gardens/Blue Ridge Parkway
North – 7:00
- Trip 19: Mt. Pisgah/Davidson River -7:15
- Trip 20: Owen Park/Warren Wilson – 7:15
- Trip 21: Fletcher Park/Lake Julian – 7:30
- Trip 22: Jackson Park – 7:30

Afternoon - Half-Day Trips (all times p.m.)

- Trip 23: Craggy Gardens/Blue Ridge Parkway
North – 1:00
- Trip 24: Jackson Park – 1:00
- Trip 25: Mt. Pisgah/Davidson River – 1:00
- Trip 26: Fletcher Park/Lake Julian – 1:15
- Trip 27: Beaver Lake Bird Sanctuary – 1:15
- Trip 28: Owen Park/Warren Wilson – 1:15

All Day Trips (all times a.m.)

- Trip 29: BRP South-Mt Pisgah/Devil's Courthouse/
Cathey's Creek – 6:45
- Trip 30: Max Patch/Lake Junaluska – 6:45
- Trip 31: Blue Ridge Parkway/Mt. Mitchell/
Curtis Creek – 7:00

Asheville Planning Notes

The times listed above are when the cars are lined up in the parking lot and leaving. Please be there at least 10 minutes early and identify yourself to the leader. If you decide not to go on a trip, either scratch through your name beforehand on the supplied lists, or show up at the meeting place and tell someone.

All trips depart from hotel in the parking lot. Look for the placard with your trip number. There will be a sheet with all directions for your trips e-mailed to you in advance. Please bring it on each trip as caravans sometimes break down, and, if so, you'll still be able to get to the trip site.

Get the leader's cell number before you leave, just in case.

Friday morning's trips are leaving earlier than Saturday's in order to try and avoid the rush hour traffic.

Food for purchase during field trips may be somewhat limited. Accordingly, plan to take snacks and beverages with you, and be sure to pack a lunch for the all-day trips.

We try to take as few vehicles as possible on field trips in order to save fuel, make caravanning easier, and to make better use of the limited parking that exists at some stops. Please plan on carpooling, and if you would like to drive and have room for new or old friends, please let your trip leader know when you arrive for your outing.

Asheville Meeting Field Trip Descriptions

Trips 1 & 17 - Chimney Rock State Park/ Lake Lure

Chimney Rock, a 1,000-acre park purchased by the state in 2007, features several trails through mixed hardwood forests and rhododendron thickets. It is a great place for Worm-eating and Swainson's Warblers and many other species, including Peregrine Falcon. Be aware that the trails feature some elevation change. Entrance to the park requires admission (not included in the meeting registration fee), however we do have a discounted group rate. Due to a landslide on one trail, the reduced rate is \$10 unless the slide is cleared by May, then the price will be \$12 each. Please have exact change or use a credit card. This park, at low elevation, will definitely be one of the best trips of the weekend in terms of quantity and quality of migrants. Restrooms available.

Trips 2, 7, 18 & 23 – Craggy Gardens/ Blue Ridge Parkway North

For a nice mix of low and high elevation species and breeding woodland songbirds in just a few hours, this trip fits the bill. The trip begins up Beaverdam Rd. in Asheville to Craven Gap and continues to the Craggy Gardens Visitors Center, climbing 3,000 feet in elevation along the way. The first few miles from Craven Gap to Lane Pinnacle Overlook is one of the best spots in the Carolinas to find Cerulean Warbler. Other common species in this area include Black-and-white, Worm-eating, Blackburnian, and Hooded Warblers, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Scarlet Tanager, Blue-headed, Red-eyed, and Yellow-throated Vireos, Wood Thrush, and Eastern Wood-Pewee. Kentucky Warblers are often found in the area of Craven Gap. Travelling farther up the Parkway to Craggy Gardens, other species such as Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Chestnut-sided, and Canada Warblers, Veery, Blue-headed Vireo, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak become more common. Many migratory species such as Cape May, Blackpoll, and Magnolia Warblers are also quite possible anywhere along the way. Restrooms at Craggy Gardens.

Trips 3, 9, 19 & 25 – Mt. Pisgah/Davidson River

As with the trip headed north on the Parkway, this trip going south provides a nice mix of breeding woodland songbirds found at various elevations. Beginning at

the French Broad River Parkway access point, common species include Black-and-white, Worm-eating, and Hooded Warblers, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Scarlet Tanager, three vireo species, Wood Thrush, and Eastern Wood-Pewee. Continuing along the Parkway towards Mt. Pisgah, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, and Canada Warblers, Veery, Blue-headed Vireo, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak become more common. This trip will continue on to Wagon Road Gap down NC 276, stopping at key spots along the way to add Louisiana Waterthrush and Northern Parula, along with a very short side trip up NC 275A to add Swainson's Warbler, and another stop farther down 276 to add Yellow-throated Warbler to the list. Many migratory species such as Cape May, Blackpoll, and Magnolia Warblers are also quite possible anywhere along the way.

Trips 4, 21 & 26 - Fletcher Park/Lake Julian

Fletcher Park is a wonderful, small city park that lies in the French Broad River Valley. Several good birds have been reported here, including Philadelphia Vireo, Bay-breasted Warbler, and Baltimore Oriole. A small wetland features breeding Willow Flycatchers, and several other water-loving species may also be seen here. Lake Julian, a Progress Energy reservoir, is heated throughout the year, which helps bring migrating water birds. Linger waterfowl could include loons, ducks, geese, cormorants, terns, and gulls. Restrooms available. Walking: level.

Trips 5 & 12 - Sandy Mush Gamelands

This is 2,600 acres of low-elevation mountain habitat. Through prescribed burns, native grasses and early successional habitat are created for such species as Northern Bobwhite, Prairie Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Indigo Bunting, Eastern Kingbird, Field Sparrow, and possibly Blue-winged Warbler. Also included are mixed hardwoods and pines, along with floodplain forest. Along Sandy Mush Creek, deciduous woods can hold Scarlet Tanager, Acadian Flycatcher, Wood Thrush, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Louisiana Waterthrush and Blue-headed and Red-eyed Vireos.

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Asheville Meeting Field Trip Descriptions

Trips 6, 8, 22 & 24 - Jackson Park

Located next to downtown Hendersonville, this 212-acre city park has a statewide reputation as a birding mecca and features a mix of hardwoods and pines, riparian woodlands, wetlands, streams and fields. As a known migrant trap, 20-25 species of warblers in a day are possible in the fall, and spring birding can approach that number. Add Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, a variety of thrushes and flycatchers and you'll know why this park draws in the birders. Easy walking with no hills. Restrooms: yes.

Trips 10, 20 & 28 - Owen Park/Warren Wilson

The Swannanoa River flows through this county park that's well-known to locals as a good birding spot. Both Orchard and Baltimore Oriole, along with Yellow-throated Vireo, nest along the river. After an easy walk around a tree-lined lake, we walk a short distance to the farm fields of Warren Wilson College. Migrant Blue-winged warblers have been seen in recent years, along with typical farmland birds such as Yellow-breasted Chat, Northern Bobwhite, and Grasshopper Sparrow. Restrooms at Owen Park. Walking: level.

Trips 11 & 27 - Beaver Lake Bird Sanctuary

This 10-acre tract is managed by the Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society. It consists of mixed hardwoods and pine, along with early successional habitat, and also includes a wetland that abuts Beaver Lake. We'll check the lake for an assortment of swallows such as Northern Rough-winged, Tree and Barn, as well as Chimney Swift. There could also be some lingering waterfowl, along with nesting Green Heron. While walking the boardwalk loop and lake trail, species such as Yellow Warbler, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Baltimore and Orchard Oriole, American Redstart and Eastern Kingbird should be seen.

Trips 13 & 29 - BRP South-Mt Pisgah/

Devil's Courthouse/Cathey's Creek

Like trips 15 and 31 going north on the Parkway, this trip south on the Parkway offers a wide range of species specializing in different woodland habitats at different elevations, and the list of potential species is almost identical. Although there is no known Cerule-

an Warbler spot along this route, Black-capped Chickadees (or possible hybrids) can be found from Black Balsam south. After visiting Devil's Courthouse to look for Peregrine Falcon, we will return to NC 215 and head down Cathey's Creek to look for Louisiana Waterthrush and Swainson's Warbler.

Trips 14 & 30 - Max Patch/Lake Junaluska

If you want to see Golden-winged Warblers, this is the trip for you! Generally 15-20 other warbler species may be found, including Blackburnian, Canada, and Chestnut-sided. Least Flycatcher can be plentiful, along with Winter Wren, Veery, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and other middle elevation species. The lake often has waterfowl surprises. No restrooms. Walking: limited/level/hills.

Trips 15 & 31 - BRP/Mt. Mitchell/Curtis Creek

For a great list of many of the breeding woodland species of the Southern Appalachians, this is the trip. Starting at Craven Gap, we will drive north on the Parkway looking for Cerulean, Blackburnian, Black-and-white, Worm-eating, Hooded, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, and Chestnut-sided Warblers as well as Ovenbird, American Redstart, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Veery, Red-eyed, Blue-headed, and Yellow-throated Vireos, and Eastern Wood-Pewee. In the spruce/fir zone of the Black Mountains/Mt. Mitchell, species such as Common Raven, Brown Creeper, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Hermit Thrush, Winter Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Least Flycatcher, and possibly Pine Siskin and Red Crossbill could be added. Time permitting, we will continue down Curtis Creek Rd. to search for Louisiana Waterthrush and Swainson's Warbler. Several other more northerly migrating species could also be found passing through the area.

Trip 16 - Whitesides Mountain

This trip is designed specifically for Peregrine Falcons, but we'll also be looking at high country breeding birds and migrants. We hope for spectacular views of the falcons and the unique environment they inhabit. A one-mile uphill walk will get us to the area. We'll bird along the way to the top before enjoying sweeping views of the surrounding mountains. There will be stops along the Blue Ridge Parkway as time allows.

Bowman Takes HQ Reins

We would like to announce the hiring of **Carol Bowman** as the new Headquarters Secretary to replace Katherine Higgins, who decided to retire from the position. Katherine will be working with Carol to ensure a smooth transition, and Katherine's continued assistance during the transition is greatly appreciated. We are excited to have Carol join us for this critical position. You may recognize Carol as a past Treasurer for the Club, and we appreciate her continued dedication and efforts to support the organization.

Online Publications Password

The most recent editions of the Newsletter and The Chat are online on the CBC website. All CBC members will use the same username and password to access these publications. The username is "cbc" and the password is "thech@". This is a membership benefit; please don't share the password with non-members! The password will be changed from time to time, but can always be found in the most recent print edition of the Newsletter.

<http://www.carolinabirdclub.org>

Did you Know?

The 2013-2014 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, better known as the Duck Stamp, features the Common Goldeneye. California artist Robert Steiner painted the image that will adorn this year's stamp. The stamp will be available for purchase beginning in late June.



Welcome New Members!

The CBC warmly welcomes the following new members.

James Hunt
Raleigh, NC

Kelly Mieszkalski
Durham, NC

Fern Powell
Spartanburg, SC

Norman & Judy
Smith
Cary, NC

Carolina Wiltz
Asheville, NC

Edward Heise
Kill Devil Hills, NC

Gary Wiggins
Raleigh, NC

Linda Shaw
Summerville, SC

Randy Austin
Durham, NC

Eva Gruber & Ethan
Slattery
Wilmington, NC

Hilda Flamholtz
Columbia, SC

Jesse Pope
Newland, NC

Elizabeth Fitts
Mills River, NC

Bill & Mary Ann
Adams
Fuquay Varina, NC

William Jefferson
Hopkins, SC

David Persoff &
Stephanie Moore
Durham, NC

Roger Lakhan &
Cindy Messman
Greer, SC

Alfred & Leslie
Vang
Columbia, SC

Dee Fulton
Morgantown, WV

Irene VanHoff
Arden, NC

Ashley Ball
Hendersonville, NC

Thierry Besancon
Raleigh, NC

Kathleen
VanAlstyne
Raleigh, NC

Terry & Kent
Hathaway
Southern Shores, NC

Edward Crawford
Sullivans Island, SC

Kendyll Collins
Leland, NC

Judy Luetkemeyer &
Mason Watt
Gatlinburg, TN

David Womack
Lexington, SC

Tracy Feldman
Durham, NC

Paul A. Scharf
Macon, NC

George Andrews
Matthews, NC

Suzanne & Vance
Knight
Atlantic Beach, NC

Peggy Maslow
Port Washington NY

Matthew Johnson
Seneca, SC

Kenneth Ashe
Raleigh, NC

Deceased Members:

Charles Elmore
(Life Member)

Ann Garrett
(Life Member)

Phil Warren
(Life Member)



Lynne Mattocks Lucas



Birder's Book Review

Steve Shultz



The Jewel Hunter

Chris Gooddie

ISBN 978-1-9036-5716-4, 350 pages, paper

2012, Princeton University Press, \$25.95

Have you ever wanted to quit your day job and bird all the time? Have you ever wanted to see all of the species in your favorite group of birds... in the same year? While most of us can only dream of telling the boss that we are "outta here" to bird full time, British twitcher Chris Gooddie did just that. And for the modest cover price of *The Jewel Hunter*, you too can join the year of a lifetime, the chance to see all the world's species of pittas in the span of twelve months. You may be saying, "What's a pitta?" Imagine brightly-plumaged, robin-sized tropical birds, with the annoyingly secretive habits of rails, that tend to live in some of more inaccessible places on the planet. Birds that may require lying on leech-infested jungle floors for hours or days at a time to see.

Gooddie takes us on a wild ride, a journey filled with poisonous snakes, sun bears, sharp objects, bad food, worse weather, and glorious moments when stunningly-plumaged pittas step out of deep cover for mega-high-five moments. Starting in Thailand and ending in Zambia, we travel through the jungles of Asia and the wilds of Africa in search of birds that are so rare that some have never been photographed before.

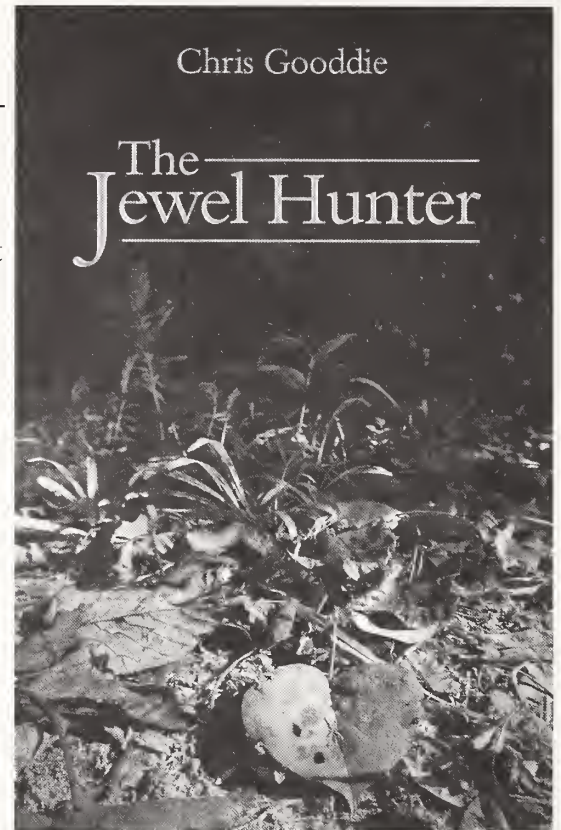
In *The Jewel Hunter*, Gooddie provides us with four books in one. The first story gives a wonderful introduction to the pitta family, including descriptions of behaviors, habitats and plumages. The second regales with a marvelous travelogue of exotic locations, suspect transportation, more suspect meals, and the opportunity to travel with the author to places that even the most crowd-averse tourists have rarely seen. The third will be most appreciated by those who appreciate the British sense of humour (including a discussion of what trogons do when it rains). The fourth, and possibly the most important, provides a look at how land-use changes in the rainforests may be creating an environmental catastrophe.

For (new and old) fans of pittas, the encounters with

these shy, beautiful, and mysterious birds will make you want to hop the next jet to Asia. For fans of travel books, you probably cannot find a better description of visits to Peleng, Indonesia or Manus, Papua New Guinea (of course you

cannot find ANY descriptions elsewhere...) For proponents of British laughs and giggles, even the captions to the photos will have you chuckling. For conservationists, well, you will likely cringe at the descriptions of habitat loss and destruction, but any press that brings attention to the plight of the Asian rainforests may be of value. Fans of staying on the trail and not using iPods to call in birds will no doubt take umbrage to descriptions of machete-hacked paths through lush vegetation and the rarest of rare birds called in by electronic means, but we likely have to temper these concerns with knowledge that the author was in areas that are not accessed by birders with any level of frequency, and the re-growth rate of foliage in these jungles is such that the trails made to find these birds have most likely been completely obliterated by new growth by the time you read this article.

And did Gooddie manage to complete his self-appointed task? Did he, in fact, see all the world's pittas in a calendar year? No spoiler alerts here, you'll have to pick up the book and find out for yourself!



A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME... MALLARDS AT CONESTEE by Paul Serridge

Lake Conestee Nature Park (LCNP) in Greenville, SC was opened to the public in October 2006. At that time there was only one entrance and one trail. Birding the entire accessible area did not take more than a couple of hours. Since then the park has increased in size, and new trails (both paved and natural surface), boardwalks, observation decks and a bridge across the Reedy River have been constructed. Birding all the trails in the park now takes the best part of a day. The trails provide easy access to a wide variety of habitats, and the number of birders visiting the park has increased accordingly as evidenced by considering the number of eBird reports for LCNP, increasing from 31 in 2007 to 315 in 2012!

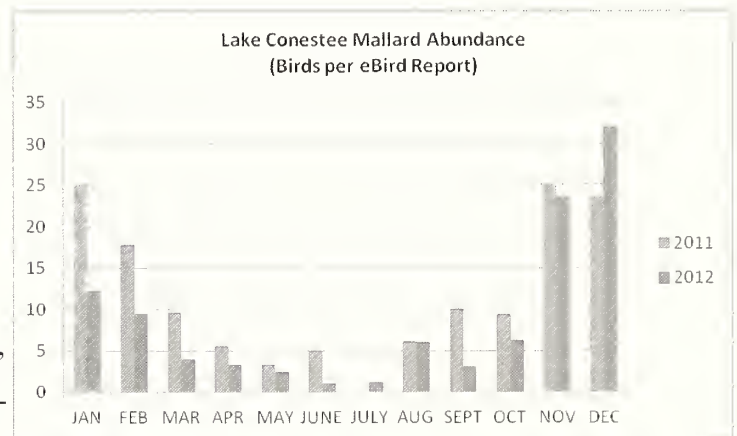
A species at LCNP which has been the subject of discussion is the Mallard. eBird started to list "Mallard (Domestic type)" in May 2010. Prior to that date the only reference was to Mallard, pure and simple. After May 2010 "Mallard (Domestic type)" was the default eBird entry for the species. Then, starting in 2011, eBird offered both Mallard and Mallard (Domestic type) during the months of October through February.

I believe that we are confronted here with a question of semantics. The differentiation, if one is needed, should be between migratory and non-migratory Mallards. Neither Clements nor the ABA differentiate between types of Mallard; the truly "domestic type" being non-countable. Sibley shows the "Domestic Mallard" with a very deep belly, typical of "farmyard" ducks, and states that "Interbreeding produces a bewildering variety of plumages and sizes; some bear little resemblance to the parent species."

I have been birding LCNP regularly and frequently since 2006 and have NEVER seen a Mallard that would fit the Sibley description of Domestic Mallard. Mallards do breed at LCNP but they are certainly NOT domesticated. They are as skittish as the other ducks found there and almost invariably move away from observers. I have never seen them approach people as is commonly the case at some lakes in the Greenville area such as Oak Grove Lake or Furman University Lake.

If my contention that there are migratory and non-migratory Mallards present at LCNP is correct, then the numbers of Mallards should be greater during the winter months when migrant birds arrive from the north, and my own records appeared to support that hypothesis. A more complete source of data to check the hypothesis is found in eBird, a wonderful tool, that allows very fast access to records over a period of a week, a month, or a year. It also, obviously, contains far more reports than do my more limited files. Furthermore, eBird allows instantaneous analysis of abundances by reviewing the average numbers of birds per report. This is evidently much more revealing than high counts and eliminates the variability due to different numbers of submissions in any given month.

The following table and chart show the abundances of Mallards (sum of both types) at LCNP during 2011 and 2012:



Even allowing for the expected variations from one year to the next, it is evident that Mallards are far more abundant during the winter months than the rest of the year, supporting the hypothesis of the arrival and probable winter stay of migratory Mallards. eBird's decision to include both types during the winter months would appear to be justified.

It is, of course, possible that the very low abundances during certain months are the result of molting Mallards hiding in the reeds and not being seen.

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Asheville

UNC Asheville, and the River Arts District.

The resort offers a shuttle to the downtown area for a small fee. Rates are \$99 plus tax for Double rooms, \$109 plus tax for King rooms, and \$129 plus tax for King Executive Suites. These rates will also apply three days before and after our event. The rooms have private balconies, mini refrigerators, and high-speed internet. Please use this customized website to make reservations and learn more about the resort: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/CBC2013MAY>. You can also call 888-233-9527 for reservations, 7 days, 7 a.m.–11 p.m. through April 22, 2013 and mention the group code **CBC**. After April 22, 2013, the website link will no longer be active, and you must call 800-733-3211 Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. for reservations assistance. Reservations made after April 22, 2013 will be on a space available basis at the prevailing rate, which may be higher than the contracted group rate.

We look forward to seeing you in Asheville!

CBC Seeks Western NC Member-at-Large

As of press time, the Carolina Bird Club is seeking a volunteer to fill the role of Western NC Member-at-Large. This Executive Committee position is for a two-year term, and the incumbent may return for a second, consecutive two-year term. Duties include:

- Planning and execution of seasonal meetings (the member typically leads the planning for meetings that occur within their geographical area, and assists in planning for meetings occurring elsewhere.)
- Participating as a voting member of the CBC Executive Committee.
- Attending annual planning meetings.

Interested?

Contact Ron Clark at: waxwing@bellsouth.net

Conestee

However, the decrease in abundances is apparent over a much longer period than that of molting. Also, an examination of Wood Duck abundances shows no such large variation.

In conclusion, use of eBird data over the past two years shows clearly that the resident (or non-migratory) population of Mallards at Conestee is augmented dramatically during the winter months by the arrival of migrant birds. As a consequence, I would strongly encourage eBird to replace the term “Domestic type” by “non-migratory” or, indeed, to drop the distinction all together.

All the Mallards at Conestee are wild birds; some of them like it so much they don’t leave.

If anyone would like more information about Lake Conestee Nature Park or would like a guided bird tour please contact the author at paulserridge@gcbirdclub.org

Member-at-Large Change

President Marion Clark appointed Christine Stoughton-Root of Merritt, NC to complete the term of Eastern NC Member-at-Large David McCloy's term, which expires at the May meeting. The Nominating Committee intends to nominate Christine for a full two-year term at the Asheville meeting. Christine has already been serving the Club as a member of the Grants Committee.





Save a Stamp!
Consider using our Online Registration at
www.carolinabirdclub.org



**CBC Asheville Meeting Registration Form
May 3-4, 2013**

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone (____) _____

Evening phone (____) _____

Email _____

Meeting Registration (Member) _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Meeting Registration (Non-member) _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Saturday Buffet Dinner (each) _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Field Trip Sign-Up	A.M. 1st/2nd Choice	P.M. 1st/2nd Choice	All Day 1st/2nd Choice
Friday	/	/	/
Saturday	/	/	/

To pre-register for field trips, place the trip number(s) in the boxes above.

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Club policy requires all field trip participants to comply with the field trip leader's assessment and requests concerning the physical ability of each participant to make or complete the trip. Meeting registration at the door costs \$35.

I release and discharge (and will not make a claim against) Carolina Bird Club for injury, death, or property damage arising from my participation at this meeting and/or Club field trips. This release of liability is entered into on behalf of all members of my family, including all minors accompanying me. I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of any such minors and that I am over 18 years of age.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

**Make check payable to Carolina Bird Club and send to:
CBC, 9 Quincy Place, Pinehurst, NC 28374**

Before sending in this form, check the website to see if any of your trips are full, rescheduled, or cancelled. www.carolinabirdclub.org

Cancellations for the meeting and/or the meal will be refunded if received by Monday, April 22, 2013. Cancel by contacting the Headquarters Secretary (hq@carolinabirdclub.org). If you need to cancel after the refund cutoff date, please notify the Headquarters Secretary so we can give your field trip space to someone on the waiting list.

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Upcoming CBC Meetings

Asheville, NC May 3-4, 2013
Litchfield, SC September 27-28, 2013

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